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VIKTOR DUMENKO et al. ) **BOX PCT**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a National Phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/01676,  
filed August 31, 2000.

Please amend the Application as indicated.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure that is provided on a separate page.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1 to 16 without prejudice, which were submitted on  
October 12, 2001 and substitute the following new Claims 17 to 32:

AI 17. (New) A method of igniting a compressed base charge in a detonator, the  
base charge being caused to detonate by means of an initiating charge, wherein the base  
charge is further compressed to increased density under the action of a pressure from